

the auburn alumnews

Serials Library
A. P. I.
Auburn, Alabama

for August, 1948



ALTHOUGH July and August have been hot months on the campus of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, the wheels of progress turned smoothly. William O. "Whitey" Overton, on the top left above, gives an example of how he ran when qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Team last month. John K. Hodnette, '22, Vice-President of Westinghouse, pictured on top right above, has been chosen August Alumnus of the Month by the Alumni Association. The new John Jenkins Wilmore Engineering Laboratory, shown at bottom in the above panorama of events, is sprouting up like a fast-growing mushroom.

200864

Research

Agricultural Experiment Station

THE LABORATORY OF ANIMAL NUTRITION

By W. D. Salmon
Animal Nutritionist

RESEARCH IN ANIMAL NUTRITION was started at the API Agricultural Experiment Station in 1922 in a combination office and laboratory occupying one small room in a temporary building constructed from a World War I airplane hanger. In 1927, the laboratory was moved into the old residence near Comer Hall that is now occupied by the Fish Culture group.

From that location was published one of the original papers showing that vitamin B was not a single substance as was generally believed, but was a complex. There the staff was increased to three full time workers. In 1930 the Animal Husbandry and Dairy Building was completed and the entire third floor was provided for the Nutrition Laboratory.

There are now nine full time staff members with training in nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, pathology, and microbiology. The crude equipment of the original laboratory has gradually been replaced by modern equipment until the laboratory is probably the best equipped nutrition laboratory in the South, and among the best in the United States.

The present research program is centered around fundamental studies of nutritional factors that affect the growth and well being of animals, including the human animal. Particular attention is being given to the B-vitamins, to vitamin A and vitamin E, to the proteins and amino acids and to choline.

One study has shown that the vitamin A content of milk can be increased five-fold by the liberal use of winter grazing crops for dairy cows. Another has shown the relative values of various varieties of edible soybeans for human food. Special studies on the vitamin and amino acid deficiencies of corn meal have shown the need for enrichment of this food.

Major emphasis is being directed to studies of faulty nutrition as a cause of cancer in experimental animals. Cancer is an abnormal growth process. It may be produced in rats, and probably in other animals, by feeding diets that are deficient in choline, a vitamin-like substance that occurs normally in such foods as egg yolk, brain, liver, milk, and meat. The discovery by this laboratory that cancer may be produced in this way has opened the way to a new approach to the cancer problem.

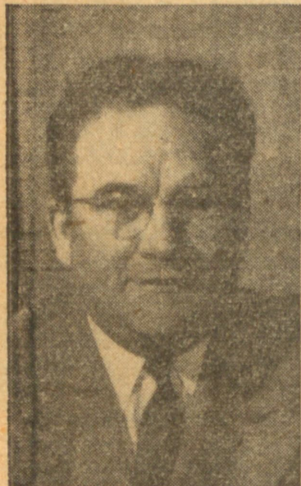
Research results obtained by various members of the staff have been published in more than 50 technical journal articles and Experiment Station Bulletins.

The Graduate School

By Russell S. Poor

Dean, Graduate School

AS WAS POINTED OUT in the July issue of the *Alumnews* research work done in an institution the size of Auburn is of a varied nature and is to be found in many departments. Auburn's nine schools, other than the Graduate School, offer course work in nearly forty departments. Of these departments twenty-one offer major work for the Master's degree and six offer minor work.



Dean Poor

It should be remembered that the Graduate School encompasses all work for a degree in any department beyond the baccalaureate degree. At present every department at Auburn requires a research problem and thesis of each candidate for an advanced degree, with the exception of certain students in the School of Education. It is research of this type which is properly included in the Graduate School.

In the School of Agriculture, however, most research is done in conjunction with the API Agricultural Experiment Station. Some graduate students assist the research staff of the Station and submit their Master's theses on certain phases of this research work. There is an active cooperative relationship between the Graduate School and the Experiment Station, and their overlapping interests center in the graduate student and his research.

During the year beginning June, 1947, and ending May, 1948, there were 861 graduate registrations in the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. These are not all different students because many were here during the entire year and doubtless many registered

(continued on page three)



Instruction

By Turpin C. Bannister

Dean, School of Architecture and Arts

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE and the Arts at Auburn offers curricula in Architecture, Building Construction (for contractors), Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Industrial Design, and Art (with options in Advertising Art, Painting, Illustration, Fashion illustration, and Textile Design). In many of these fields, the School provides the only professional collegiate instruction in the South. Graduates in all these curricula have in all parts of the United States established for the School a firm reputation for thorough and comprehensive training.

Since the end of the war enrollments in these curricula have reached a total of 540 students, three times the peak pre-war enrollment. The rate of growth has been consistently larger than that of the rest of the Institute. This growth has imposed difficult problems of staff and instructional facilities, but the quality of student work has attained the highest standard in the forty-year history of the school. Much of this improvement is due to the presence of veteran students who comprise three-quarters of the students enrolled in the School.

New Departments

The School has also included, since 1945, the Department of Music and the Department of Dramatic Arts. The former taught Applied Music last year to over 700 students from all parts of the campus. It also provides for a growing number of students a major sequence of excellent courses toward training for careers in concert and teaching work. The Department of Dramatic Arts possesses one of the most completely equipped workshops in the United States and trains students for careers in acting, play production, and teaching.

Modern Building

The growth of the School has caused the administration to allocate funds to build during the coming year the first unit of a new building to house its full program. Preliminary plans prepared by the staff of the architectural department call for a building of modern design located on the area adjacent to the present quarters of the School. Such a building will permit many improvements to be introduced in the teaching program.

Notable additions to the equipment of the School have been made during the past year. These include acquisition of the Ernest Flagg Architectural Library, a Permanent Collection of Prints, and approximately half of the Collection of Contemporary American Painting formed in 1947 by the United States Department of State.

Club News

IN A SPECIAL MEETING of the Executive Committee of the Scottsboro Auburn Club on June 7, Ralph Hartzog, '45, was elected Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding C. H. Johnston, '42.

The Executive Committee made preparation for a fish fry to be held later on in the month. The following committee was appointed: Clyde Dykes, '42, Chairman, W. C. Woods, '34, Mark Skelton, '42, and T. M. Green, '42.

The Executive Committee, after much thought and discussion, adopted a suggestive recruiting plan for athletics at Auburn. It was decided to write up the plan and send a copy to the State Office for consideration.

Under the leadership of the President, Harry Campbell, '39, the Scottsboro Club is becoming more and more active in the building of a greater Auburn.

* * * *

THE TALLADEGA Auburn Club held a barbecue supper on June 24, at the Fair Park, near Talladega. The program was well-handled by John Stewart, '35.

* * *

THERE ARE ONLY a few more days left before we at the Alumni Office and many other Auburn alumni will be eating barbecue at Talladega's August 18 barbecue. We're looking forward to it.

* * *

As was announced last month, Bill Byrd, President of the Auburn Alumni Association, and Hugh Comer, President of the Alabama Alumni Association, will be there. Sports editors, Bernie Moore, (SEC Commissioner), and Mike Donahue and Doc Pollard, coaches at Auburn and the University, respectively, when the last game between the two colleges was played, have been asked to attend.

And with Bill Hurst helping conduct the affair, we know that the barbecue is going to be dee-lis-chus.

Extension

By P. O. Davis

Director, Agricultural Extension

LAST MONTH WE WROTE about what extension work is, how it is financed, its personnel. Now we're writing about how it is done.

First, the state personnel is a part of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute—one of three divisions. Our primary duty is to teach farm people research information from our Experiment Station.

This calls for a staff of specialists who work with the county workers. They in turn work closely with groups of farm people and non-farm people. All give attention to leadership training.



Director Davis

Work with young people is a big part of our work. This is done through 4-H clubs. Alabama has more 4-H members than any other state.

There are 223,369 farms in Alabama and more than a million farm people on them. All of these people are students of the Extension Service the same as is true of campus students at Auburn for the faculty.

Our work with them is by individual contacts, through clubs, over radio, through the press, by circular letters, by correspondence, publications and any other effective means.

Classroom instruction is largely by lecturers and laboratory studies. Our instruction program includes these plus all available means for mass contact and instruction. Press, radio, and other mass means are used by us not for propaganda in the wrong sense but for instruction.

Meetings are held in courthouses, schools, churches, homes, barns, fields. The average county has about 3,500 farms and 18,000 farm people. This is a big group for a county personnel of four to six people.

Realizing that people get about 90 per cent of their information through their eyes we make use of demonstrations and visual aids in order that people may see as well as hear. These demonstrations concern every phase of farming and farm living.

(Next month: Some results of extension work in Alabama.)

the auburn alumnews

Official Publication

Auburn Alumni Association

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Auburn, Alabama

Front to Back

Instruction-Extension-Research	2
Club News	2
Alumnus of the Month	3
On the Campus	3
Alumnalities	4
Forestry Summer Camp	4
Auburn's New Engineering Laboratory	6
The City That Nerve Built	7
Whitey Makes the Olympics	(ON BACK COVER)

OFFICERS of the ASSOCIATION

William F. Byrd, '21	President
Executive Committee	
William S. Hurst, '08	Clyde A. Pruitt, '25
Frank S. McFaden, '21	T. A. Russell, Jr., '39
E. Russell Moulton, '24	Guy M. Spearman, '14
Harry M. "Happy" Davis	
Alumni Executive Secretary and Editor	
Luther Smith	Managing Editor
Bob Ingram	Sports Editor

The Alumnews was entered as second class matter Feb. 4, 1946, at the Post Office, Auburn, Ala., under the Act of Aug. 24, 1912.

THE AUBURN ALUMNEWS

ALUMNUS of the MONTH

The Story of . . .

A Pioneer

IN THIS DAY AND TIME, there are few pioneers. Inventive genius has been placed in the back seat. More and more are human robots taking the places of such pioneers as Thomas A. Edison and Alexander Graham Bell.

But in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, there's an alumnus of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, one John K. Hodnette, who, through his pioneer achievements in developing protective devices against lightning for distribution transformers, has so influenced the advancement of the art that today 90 per cent of all distribution transformers manufacturing capacity is based on his patents.

His first patent on the Completely-Self-Protected transformer, granted in 1931, marked a revolutionary step forward in transformer design. Mr. Hodnette's work has resulted in completely new standards of service continuity for electrical consumers. In no small measure, the average householder is placing increasing dependence on electrical devices for vital services in his home directly because of the contributions of John Hodnette.

Outstanding Engineer

Mr. Hodnette has become an outstanding engineer and administrator in electrical manufacturing, although he obtained his B. S. in mechanical engineering. Following a year's experience as an apprentice with the Illinois Central Railroad after graduation from API in 1922, he decided that he was more interested in electrical work and became associated with the Westinghouse Company as a laboratory assistant in the Materials and Process Engineering Laboratory, in East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

New problems presented themselves, so he supplemented his knowledge by taking courses in electrical engineering, evenings, at Carnegie Institute of Technology and at the University of Pittsburgh.

Interest in developing transformer insulation as protection against lightning at that time was high, and John Hodnette found that increasingly he was able to give the right answers to the many problems that arose. His abilities soon marked him as a specialist in this field.

Promotions

Hence, in 1926 he was made Transformer Insulation Engineer at the Westinghouse Transformer Division in Sharon. During the next few years he developed the CSP transformer and had granted to him many patents on improvements in transformer design to provide additional protection against lightning surge voltages.

His work was recognized when in 1937 he was given complete responsibility for the design and development of distribution transformers and was put in charge of a group of engineers, draftsmen, and clerks as a Division Engineer.

In 1940 he was appointed Manager of Engineering for the entire Westinghouse Transformer Division, a position which made him responsible for the development and design of all transformer projects in the Division with a staff of about four-hundred and fifty men.

In 1946 Mr. Hodnette became Division Manager of the Westinghouse Transformer Division, with all activities of the Division including engineering, sales, and manufacturing under his control. Six months ago he was elected a Vice President of the company, retaining all his previous responsibilities.

Memberships

Mr. Hodnette has been most active in community leadership, although his idea of the most interesting way to spend hours away from the office is in the working out of transformer problems. He served as president of the Shenango Valley War and Community Fund drive, is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Sharon, Penna., and is a director of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce. Recently he has been most active as a member of



Transformer design pioneer J. K. Hodnette, API Alumnus of the Month, is a Westinghouse officer

the Executive Committee of the Sharon Development Association. The immediate objective of the Association is the construction of a 70-room hotel in Sharon as a community enterprise.

John Hodnette has been active throughout his career in advancing his chosen profession. He has been a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers since 1925 in the grades of Associate, member, and from 1942, in the grade of Fellow. He has held membership in the Electrical Machinery Committee and was active in the affairs of the Transformer Subcommittee of the AIEE.

Mr. Hodnette is also active in the work of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association and the American Standards Association. He has been a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for many years.

Mr. Hodnette married Miss Dorothy Chiles of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in June of 1931. They have two daughters, Hope and Lucy Virginia.

Over twenty patents have been issued to him, mainly in various phases of transformer protection. During his period with Westinghouse he has written twenty-two technical articles that were published in engineering magazines or in the journals of his professional societies.

On June 29, 1938, Mr. Hodnette received a citation from Westinghouse in recognition of his distinguished service. Called the "Order of Merit", this citation was established by the Westinghouse Board of Directors and is the highest award which Westinghouse confers on members of its organization.

A year or so later, in connection with the national observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the U. S. patent system, the National Association of Manufacturers, at a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, presented a number of "Modern Pioneer Awards" to distinguished inventors of outstanding devices in industrial fields. Mr. Hodnette was honored with one of these awards for his "contributions to the field of power transmission represented by his development of a distribution transformer which is completely self protected against lightning attack and electrical overload."

On the Campus

"Tiger Cub"

A NEW STUDENT HANDBOOK, entitled "Tiger Cub," will be published this fall. Tom Sellers, of Phenix City, Ala., a senior in English-Journalism, is editing the publication, and John Lanier, of Birmingham, Ala., is serving as business manager.

M.S. In Chemistry

AN M.S. IN CHEMISTRY is now available, recently announced Acting Dean H. M. Martin of the School of Chemistry. The School of Chemistry is maintaining a program of studies in advanced work leading to the degree of Master of Science in Chemistry.

Offerings for the fall quarter include advanced inorganic chemistry, advanced physical chemistry, qualitative organic analysis, organic synthesis, and phase rule.

A thesis is required for the advanced degree and definite training in research is part of the program.

The Auburn Producers

THE AUBURN PRODUCERS, API student radio group sponsored by the Auburn Independent Organization, has been holding forth this summer with a series of programs entitled "Quiz the Profs."

Gordon Howell, sophomore in industrial design from Hueytown, Ala., is emceeing the show, which features professors on the receiving end of questions and which is broadcast every Wednesday night at 9:30 over WJHO, local radio station.

Chairman of the Producers is Martha Morris. Other members this summer include Steve Godwin, Jack Wallace, Betty Drake, Luther Smith, Louise Horton, Natalie Hatcher, Claude Scott, Bob Ingram, Bob Willingham, Emory McKinney, and Furman Rogers.

John Harvey Thomas

JOHN HARVEY THOMAS, JR., a member of Spades and Sigma Chi social fraternity, spoke in July at the Auburn Baptist Church Youth Night Services. John is married to the former Helen Williamson.

Now studying at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, John is a volunteer for missionary work in Japan, where he served as a captain in the early occupation of that country during World War II.

On Oak Ridge Board

DR. RUSSELL S. POOR, Dean of the Graduate School and Director of the Auburn Research Foundation, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

Students Awarded Scholarships

THE 1948 DANFORTH SCHOLARSHIP, an award made each year to the most outstanding agricultural freshman and junior by the Danforth Foundation, St. Louis, Mo., has been given to two Auburn students, James Donald Moore, of Marion Junction, Ala., and Jerrol F. Cope, of Inverness, Ala.

New Auburn Commissioners

G. H. "MONK" WRIGHT, '19, T. A. "Dad" Sims, and William F. "Bill" Ham, '33, have been elected to positions on Auburn's new three-man city commission.

RESEARCH (The Graduate School)

(Continued from page two)

three or more times during the year. According to the registrar there were 482 different students.

From 1929 through 1947, 785 Master's degrees had been granted by this institution. Of these 668 were based on research problems reported in Master's theses. It would be most difficult to measure the value of these research projects to the State of Alabama directly, or indirectly through the increased usefulness of recipients.

Among this number receiving Master's degrees were 428 teachers. We know also that many local school problems were solved by the work of these teachers under the guidance of their major professors, and in addition each teacher received a raise in salary for her achievement. Furthermore, we trust they were better teachers because of their advanced training.

During this same period 159 persons completed research problems in scientific subjects and 72 in engineering. More than 110 veterans were registered in graduate work during 1947-48.

Who can estimate the value of this research? Or who can evaluate the increased usefulness of these citizens?

Next month a specific research problem being studied at Auburn will be described.

THE ALUMNI OFFICE Needs Stenographers

If you are a good typist . . . if you take dictation well . . . there is an opening in the offices of the Auburn Alumni Association for you. Contact or come by . . .

ALUMNI OFFICE
TEXTILE BUILDING
AUBURN, ALABAMA
PHONE 960-EXT. 206

Whether they be
In Texas or Tokyo

Alumnalities

Here you can read
Of people you know

1891

R. C. Smith, who graduated in the General Course, resides in Opelika, Ala. His classmates may contact him at P. O. Box 369, Opelika, Ala.

1897

API's January Alumnus of the Month, **Warren Horton McBryde**, in June received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from California's University of Santa Clara, the oldest institution of higher learning in the West and the first college in that section of the U.S. to give any college degree. Mr. McBryde is a noted consulting engineer, industrialist, and world traveler.

Word was received last month from **Dr. Merrick D. Thomas**, of Miami, Fla., who practices medicine in that city.

1898

A. M. Kennedy, whose class is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year, is connected with the School of Chemistry at the University of Alabama.

1899

Professor M. T. Fullan, formerly Head Professor of Machine Drawing and Mechanical Design at API, is now on the trail of alumni in Pensacola, where he resides. Professor Fullan has already located many "lost" alumni for the Association.

Miss Mary Evelyn Robinson, June "Alumna of the Month" is getting out a phonograph record with a story for small children on one side and several poems for youngsters on the opposite side. She has already sent the master record to California to be made.

1903

Thanks to **B. M. Stewart**, of the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company office in Houston, Tex., for forwarding information on alumni in Texas to us.

1904

Arthur D. Elsberry is connected with the War Assets Administration, in Birmingham, Ala.

1910

Ben S. Weil has been, for some time, President of the Mayer Electric Supply Company, in Birmingham, Ala.

The Alumni Association thanks **James G. Gauntt**, of Chattanooga, Tenn., for his great support. Mr. Gauntt has his own architect firm in Chattanooga.

1911

J. J. Carter has his own business, the J. J. Carter Furniture Co., in West Palm Beach, Fla. Mr. Carter graduated from API in electrical engineering.

John Eayres Davis, Sr., who obtained his B.S. in architecture, has his offices on the seventh floor of the Protective Life Building, Birmingham, Ala.

1912

Hugh H. Williamson recently retired from the Alabama Extension Service after 30 years of work as assistant agent and

county agent of Escambia County, Ala. Mr. Williamson graduated from Auburn at the age of 21 with a B.S. in agriculture. After graduating, he taught agriculture for five years at the old First District Agricultural School in Jackson County, Ala. He began work with the Extension Service in 1918.

1913

The historian for the class of '13 predicted that **H. G. Smith** would eventually bridge the Mississippi River. Mr. Smith hasn't bridged the Mississippi yet, but as a contractor in Fitzgerald, Ga., he has constructed bridges over many of the rivers in Georgia. Before entering general highway and bridge construction work in 1925, Mr. Smith was successively Division Engineer of the State Highway Department of Georgia, Chief Locating Engineer of the State Highway Department of Georgia, and Chief Construction Engineer in that same department.

V. W. Lewis has been appointed Manager of Agricultural and Livestock Development in Wilmington, N.C., by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

1914

Thanks to **Acting Dean H. M. Martin**, of the School of Chemistry at API, for forwarding to the Alumni Office the addresses of many Auburn graduates. Any help in "tracking down" lost alumni is appreciated by our office.

1915

Thomas R. Nash owns a drug store—Nash's Drug Store—situated near Siluria, Ala.

W. Hayden Brooks is connected with the Blue Diamond Company in Birmingham, Ala.

1916

A. Y. Masters, who obtained his degree in pharmacy, now owns and operates two drug stores in Norfolk, Va. During the war Mr. Masters owned two hotels at Virginia Beach.

1917

Hugh W. Caffey is associated with the Department of Forestry, State Department of Conservation, with his office in Union Springs, Ala. Mr. Caffey furnished the Alumni office with a copy of the 1917 Glomerata, which we have needed for some time.

George R. Bowling is connected with the Collins Drug Company in LaFayette, Ala. Mr. Bowling is Vice-President of the Chambers County Auburn Club.

1918

President of the Agricola Furnace Company, Inc., in Gadsden, Ala., is **F. T. Agricola, Sr.** Mr. Agricola has two sons who attended API: **F. T. Agricola, Jr.**, '43; and **Otto Agricola II**, '45. The latter is vice president of the Agricola Furnace Co.

Lamont Major is associated in the real estate and insurance firm, Davis and Major, Inc., Birmingham, Ala.

1919

E. P. Garrett is serving as General Manager of Tennessee Valley Co-operatives, Inc., in Decatur, Ala.

E. C. Johnson now resides in Jacksonville, Fla., where he is with the Armour Fertilizer Works.

James M. Fuller has changed his Birmingham, Ala., address to 106 Fairmont Drive.

1920

Henry G. Redding, Secretary Treasurer of the Auburn Club of Tampa, Fla., is Superintendent of The Western Union Telegraph Company, Southern Division.

John S. Kernachan may now be reached at the U. S. Engineer Office, Fort Norfolk, Norfolk, Va.

1921

For the past 24 years, **J. M. Barber** has been General Agent in Birmingham, Ala., for the Reliance Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh.

Charles B. Ordway now has his address in Greensboro, N.C.

1922

Mrs. Robbie S. Sparks has her residence in Auburn. Mrs. Sparks is the former Robbie Smith.

C. H. Winston is connected with the Peebles Oil Company of Decatur, Ala.

1923

Judson M. Gillespie, who received his B.S. in electrical engineering, now lives in Pensacola, Fla.

John T. Waller is a full colonel in the United States Army. Colonel Waller is stationed on Guam at the present time.

1924

Serving Dallas County, Ala., as President of the Selma and Dallas County Chamber of Commerce, is Auburn alumnus **W. Milam Turner**.

P. P. Barry is in the employ of the Montgomery Apothecary, Montgomery, Ala.

Irving Patrick, of Birmingham, Ala., is associated with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company. His offices are located in Birmingham. Mr. Patrick has been of great help to the Alumni Association in locating lost alumni.

1925

Joe D. Bell is associated with the Alpha Portland Cement Company as Western Sales Manager. His offices are located in Chicago, Ill.

A. D. Carmichael, partner in the Singletary and Carmichael Hardware Company of Dothan, Ala., resides in Dothan. Mr. Carmichael is a life member of the Auburn Alumni Association.

1926

Many thanks to **W. A. Cobb** for his active interest in the Alumni Association and in the college athletic program. Mr. Cobbs, a contractor, has his offices in the Bell Building, Montgomery, Ala.

1927

Leland Cummins is now Secretary-Treasurer of the Opp, Ala., Rotary Club. Mr. Cummins is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and has been postmaster in Opp since 1936.

Mrs. Harris S. Thomas, the former Mary Stodghill, resides in Memphis, Tenn.

Another alumnus of Talladega, Ala., who has been working on the Bill Hurst Barbecue to be given on August 18, is **Joe Wallis**, owner of the Rockford Lumber Company.

1928

Dr. E. V. Smith, Assistant Dean and Director of the School of Agriculture, the Agricultural Experiment Station and Agricultural Substations, is visiting Guatemala and Honduras. All the expenses of Dr. Smith's trip are being paid by the United Fruit Company, sponsor of the tour for leading agronomists of the United States.

Miss Venola Rhodes holds a teaching position in the University of Alabama's Home Economic Department.

Mrs. Noble Hendrix, the former Celeste Nesbitt, now resides in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1929

Mrs. Charles Ashmore, the former Sarah Ann Mulloy, resides in Memphis, Tenn., with her husband, Lt. Charles Ashmore, of the B.O.G. Naval Air Station.

George A. Dozier is associated with the Dozier, Brothers Construction Company, Inc., in Mt. Meigs, Ala.

Mrs. C. O. Prickett, the former Sarah Hall Crenshaw and niece of Auburn's Miss Allie Glenn, now resides in Wilmington, Del.

Louis P. Dumas now resides in Mobile, Ala., where he is Advertising Director of The Mobile Press Register.

1930

Mrs. J. Hubert Woody, the former Clara Sanders of Camp Hill, Ala., at present resides at Newton, Ala.

W. N. Reaves, who majored



Eighty-five API junior forestry students are going to school in the timberlands near Uriah, Ala., this summer. Above pictures depict them at play, chow, work

in pharmacy while attending Auburn, is co-owner of the Reaves Wholesale Grocery Co., in Camp Hill, Ala.

Ewell W. Robinson, who is with the Standard School Service, has his residence in Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. J. Earl Hooker, who resides in Winfield, Ala., has a son who graduated from Auburn this year, and a granddaughter now attending Auburn. Mrs. Hooker's husband is vocational teacher of GIs in Fayette County, Ala.

1931

Superintendent of the National Life and Accident Insurance Company's Home Office in Nashville, Tenn., is **P. C. Cottingham**, a member of the class of '31.

Crawford Nixon holds a position with the Southern Grain Company, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The former **Margaret Lawrence** is now **Mrs. Ansell Swain**. Mrs. Swain resides in Philadelphia, Penna.

1932

Thomas G. Johnson may now be reached at Camp Roosevelt, Ocala, Fla.

Jesse V. Boyles is City Manager and Superintendent of Utilities in the city of Bartow, Fla.

Mrs. Lela Irwin Legare is Pharmacist at the Durr Drug Company, of Montgomery, Ala.

Winner of the New Orleans Southern Baptist Hospital Contest of suggestions for improvement of service to its patients was **Miss Ruth Parkman**, Therapeutic Dietitian at the hospital. A native of Langdale, Ala., Miss Parkman, after graduating from API, obtained an M. S. degree from Peabody College of Nashville, Tenn. Before joining the Dietary Department of the Southern Baptist Hospital, she worked in a government cafeteria in Washington, D. C., and served an internship at Touro Infirmary.

1933

Dr. Howard F. Pringle, Jr., now practices dentistry in his old home town of Mobile, Ala. Dr. Pringle says, "Just a slight change from the engineering career I started out upon when graduating from API in 1933."

We were very glad to hear last month from **George Lanier**, of the Houston Slag

Births

A daughter, Susan Bailey, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Langdon R. Hixon, of Fountain City, Tenn., on July 16. Mr. Hixon is a member of the class of '41.

A daughter, Marianne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Clark, of Auburn, in July. Mr. Clark is the Director of Student Affairs at API.

A son, Neil Owen, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Neil O. Davis, of Auburn, last month. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the class of '35. Mrs. Davis is the former Henrietta Worsley. Mr. Davis edits Auburn's Lee County Bulletin and is President of the Bulletin Publishing Co.

A daughter, Kathy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold, of Abbeville, Ala., in June. Mr. Arnold is a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity and a graduate of '44. Mrs. Arnold, the former Joy Camp, is a member of Kappa Delta sorority and a graduate of '45.

Materials Company, Houston, Tex.

Mrs. S. Blake Yates, the former Harvey Mildred Enloe, is now residing in New York City. Her husband, **S. Blake Yates**, is a member of the class of '32.

1934

Frank Tennille is Vice President of the Frank Tennille Furniture Company, in Montgomery, Ala.

Claude S. Pritchett, who was formerly in the employ of the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo., now lives in Silver Springs, Md.

Two alumni with the USCO Power Equipment Corp., Birmingham, Ala., are **J. H. Assell** and **W. F. James**.

Mrs. E. B. Shotts, the former Will Lacey Brown, and her husband are situated in Boaz, Alabama. Mr. Shotts is principal of the local school in Boaz.

1935

Mrs. J. K. Montague, the former Lucy E. Meadows, now resides in Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. Minnie L. Beard, the former Minnie Lee Mann, who received her M.S. from API in 1942, has an additional member of her family, Jerrie Sue Beard, four and one-half months of age.

Lt. Col. William T. "Jack" Kemp, Jr. is stationed at the Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

Gus Henderson now lives in

Marriages

Marjorie Cook Sessions, of Atlanta and McRae, Ga., to Herbert Wilson Hatley, of Birmingham, Ala., on July 18 at the First Methodist Church in McRae, Ga.

Martha Nell Simpson, '47, of Auburn, Ala., to Paul Edwin Johnson, of Guntersville, Ala., on June 19 at the Auburn Methodist Church. Mrs. Johnson is a member of Kappa Delta social sorority.

Mary Linda Whitehead, of Eufaula, Ala., to Otis Braswell, '50, also of Eufaula, on June 12.

Emily Turnipseed, of Mathews, Ala., to Derrill Butler Chambliss, '48, of Memphis, Tenn., on June 19 at Hopewell Methodist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

Linelle Dobbins, '44, formerly of Oak Ridge, Tenn., to Captain Noble Franklin Greenhill, Jr., of Roswell, New Mexico, on June 3.

Ruth Moore, '42, of Havana, Ala., to Joe Braswell Phillips, of Birmingham, Ala., on June 26 in the Havana Methodist Church.

Edna Earle Wright, '42, of Hartford, Ala., to Marcus C. Miller, also of Hartford, on June 12 at the Methodist Church in Hartford.

Lela Coxwell Lewis, of McAllen, Tex., to John Marshall Locklin, '49, of Monroeville, Ala., on June 5.

Claudine Fleming, of Elba, Ala., to Joe Mark Chambers, '47, of Brundidge, Ala., on May 30 at the Elba Baptist Church.

Betty McMahan, '49, of Montgomery, Ala., to John W. Culpepper, also of Montgomery, in May.

Birmingham, where he is in the insurance business. Mr. Henderson is married to the former Lois Shepherd and has two children, Judith, eight years old, and Robert, six years old. He is a member of the SAE social fraternity.

1936

Mrs. W. Ferrell Lane, the former Leita Handley, is now married and has two children, both girls: Mary Gena, six years of age, and Jane Handley Lane, four years of age. Mrs. Lane's husband is a dentist in Roanoke, Ala.

Fred Thomas, who graduated from API, in electrical engineering, owns the telephone exchange at Eclectic, Ala., and is President of the newly organized Eclectic Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren A. Jordan are now living in Alexander City, Ala. Mrs. Jordan is the former **Annie Ruth Dunn**, '36, and Dr. Jordan is a member of the class of '41. They have three future Auburnites: Joe Warren, four years of age; Rodney Wyatt, two years of age, and Thea Dora, six months of age.

Mrs. G. Mills Whitelaw, the former **Eleanor Rose Boyd**, has her home in Mobile, Ala. Mrs. Whitelaw has been helping in locating lost alumni.

1937

Lewis D. Kelly is County Administrative Officer, Production and Marketing Administration, in Troy, Ala. Mr. Kelly is married to the former Vassie Hathaway.

W. D. Blackwell, Jr., a member of the API chapter of Kappa Alpha fraternity, now lives in Selma, Ala.

1938

Jean R. Batigne, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity, now resides in Washington, D. C.

James Harvey Hancock recently returned from the Panama Canal Zone after 18 months survey for a new Sea Level Canal. Mr. Hancock now has his own office in the Baltimore Building, Memphis, Tenn., as a civil and consulting engineer.

Thanks to **Rosa M. Norton**, of Atlanta, Ga., for her kind letter to the Alumni Office.

Mrs. Edwin Elmore Rogers, the former Carolyn S. Hendrick, lists her home town as being Brundidge, Ala. Her husband, **E. E. Rogers**, is a member of the class of '39. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have two children: Carol, five years of age, and Edwin Elmore, III, six months of age.

Since leaving Auburn, **Allie Bates Jolley** has received a master's degree from Mercer. During World War II, she was editor and later business manager of a weekly civilian newspaper at Robins Field, Macon, Ga. Miss Jolley is now busy with club work in the Geor-

Deaths

C. E. Sauls, '12, former director of the Alabama State Docks and Terminals in Mobile, Ala., died in a Mobile hospital on June 29.

C. B. Ketcham, '11, died suddenly in his office in Cincinnati on the morning of July 6. Mr. Ketcham had been District Manager of Westinghouse Electric Corporation for years.

gia Federation of Women's Clubs, in which organization she has held a district and state chairmanship for six years.

Mrs. M. C. Jones, the former **Erma L. Kennedy**, teaches at the A. V. Chubbs Junior High School, in Pensacola, Fla.

The former **Annie E. Smith** was married in 1942, to **Adrel Lindsay Wright**, of Scottsboro, Ala., also a member of the class of '38. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have two children, Rossalyn Marie, 18 months of age, and Gloria Ann, three months of age. At present, the Wrights are living in Camp Hill, Ala.

1939

E. A. "Red" Childers, who is in the employ of the Farmers Home Administration, is Secretary-Treasurer of the Talladega, Ala., Auburn Club.

John M. Morton, consulting engineer, recently announced the opening of his office for the general practice of professional engineering in Montgomery, Ala.

Milton Lydell Howell, who was captain of Auburn's football team in 1939, and who made All-Southern in that year, has been appointed Manager of the Tampa, Fla., Branch of the Retail-Credit Company.

Thomas R. Hill now has his own insurance agency in West Point, Ga.

Mrs. Herbert Tutwiler Hinz, the former Margaret Shelnut, is employed at the Bessemer, Ala., branch of the Drennen Motor Company. Mrs. Hinz's husband, **H. T. Hinz**, '40, who graduated from API in Business Administration, is with the Veterans Administration.

William M. Roberts is Vice-President of the Marble City Dry Goods Company, Sylacauga, Ala.

Emory R. Solomon is Secretary and Treasurer of The Home Fertilizer and Cotton Oil Co., Headland, Ala.

Charles J. Hager, who obtained his B.S. in agricultural engineering, is Engineer with the Stith Coal Company, America, Ala.

E. P. Thornhill has been made Manager of the Agricultural Development Program, a branch of the Columbus, Miss., Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Thomas F. Harlin serves Alabama's Department of Public Welfare as Psychologist. Mrs. Harlin, the former Elsie Moses, is married to a member of the class of '40.

Both **Samuel F. Teague, Jr.**, and his wife (the former Frances Marie Middleton) are members of the class of '39. They now reside in Birmingham, Ala.

Jesse Harrison Wheeler, of Scottsboro, Ala., was recently awarded a fellowship to the University of Chicago. Mr. Wheeler, a former fellowship holder at the University of Chicago, is studying for a doctor of philosophy in geography. During World War II, he served in the European theater of operations.

1940

Miss Julia Clare Duffey has been teaching at Capitol Heights Elementary School in Montgomery, Ala., for three years.

Carl Edwin Adamson is now contracting in Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. Adamson served for three years during World War II in the Eighth Air Force as a First Lieutenant. He is a holder of the Bronze Star.

Mrs. Paul C. Bartley, the former **Hazel L. Sanders**, teaches

in the Opelika, Ala., City School System.

W. G. Eden, formerly assistant county agent of Geneva County, has been appointed assistant entomologist of the Agricultural Experiment Station here.

Miss Annie M. Williamson, formerly of Camp Hill, Ala., is teaching school at the Hughley Grammar School in Chambers County, Ala.

An Auburn graduate who holds a high position in the Southern Division of the Philco Corporation is **Miss Eliza Clark**. Miss Clark is Home Economist for the Southern Division, and her territory includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Her offices are located in Atlanta, Ga.

1941

Congratulations to **Mrs. James Jowers**, who was recently made API Student of the Week. Mrs. Jowers is working toward her second master's degree, which will be her second degree from Auburn. Her husband will graduate from API in December.

For the past four years, **Linda B. Walls** has been teaching a section of the sixth grade in the Enterprise City School, Enterprise, Ala.

Mrs. Robert Mercer Rogers, the former **Martha Nell Vann**, now resides in Columbia, Ala. Mrs. Rogers recently notified us that she has a three-months-old son.

Virginia S. West is in the employ of the Sylacauga, Ala., Housing Authority as Housing Manager and Executive Director.

Librarian at the Heflin High School, Heflin, Ala., is **Mrs. Ralph Mitchell**, the former **Lillian E. Thrower**.

Mrs. J. B. Black, the former Jane Owen, now resides in Dadeville, Ala. She writes that she is very pleased over the selection of our new football coach and that she is "looking forward to those Tigers winning many victories." Mrs. Black holds membership in the American Legion Auxiliary and the Dadeville chapter of the D. A. R. She has a three months old daughter named Peggy.

1942

John W. Flatt may be reached by his classmates at the Thomas County Department of Health, Thomasville, Ga.

Russell Thomas Smith is in the feed and seed business in Arab, Ala.

La Mittice Pearson is now Home Demonstration Agent in Blountsville, Fla. Mrs. Pearson formerly resided in Clanton, Ala.

Dr. Q. R. Jerome notified us in June that he has returned to West Memphis, Ark., where he will resume the practice of veterinary medicine.

1943

Lt. Alvin C. Henderson, Jr., formerly of Atlanta, Ga., is located with the U.S. Army in Japan.

Richard H. Bjurberg, coach of API's debate team, was honored last week when the Auburn Debate Council presented him a silver trophy in appreciation of his contributions to debating at Auburn.

The former Wynona Parker, now **Mrs. Ellis F. Porch**, resides in Tuscaloosa, Ala. She is Home Economist for the Alabama Power Company there.

(continued on next page)

Alumnalities

(Continued from page 5)

1944

Dr. Fred Allison, Jr., is temporarily serving as an M.D. in the U.S. Army.

Rex K. Rainer is connected with Polglaze and Basenburg, Engineers, in Birmingham, Ala.

J. Thomas Roberts, of Auburn, Ala., will be doing graduate work in chemical engineering at Georgia Tech for the next year.

Chief Technician in the Laboratory at Emory University Hospital, Emory University, Ga., is **Alice Blair**, of the class of '44.

1945

Jack Rainier, a member of

the Auburn chapter of Sigma Nu social fraternity, is Montgomery, Ala., agent for the American Central Insurance Company.

Thanks to **George M. Dykes**, who is with the Comision Mexico-Americana working on the Foot and Mouth Disease in Mexico, for helping the Alumni Office locate many lost alumni.

Mrs. C. R. Culverhouse, Jr., the former **Margaret Louise Hanson**, now lives in Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Culverhouse's husband, **C. R. Culverhouse, Jr.** is a member of the class of '43.

Since her marriage in 1945, **Mrs. Ruth Glover Quinn** has lived in Birmingham, Ala. She has a position with the Department of Agriculture, Division of Human Nutrition and Home Economics.

1946

William L. Kirk is President of the Veterans Club of Gordo, Ala.

Edward D. Donnelly, former member of the Agricultural Experiment Station staff here, has entered Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., to work on his doctorate. He is making a special study of alfalfa. Mr. Donnelly is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, Alpha Zeta, and Phi Kappa Phi national honor societies.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Poss, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., are both members of the class of '46. Mrs. Poss is the former Mary Elizabeth Sahn. Mr. Poss is a Salesman for the Stockham Pipe and Fittings Co., of Birmingham.

1947

John F. Keown is employed with the Wolverine Luke Division of the Calumet and Hecla Consolidated Copper Co. as a supervisor in production work. Mr. Keown's future address will be: 350 Jackson St., Decatur, Ala.

Leon Marsh and **James Lewis "Jim" Pharr** were the two featured speakers in the Baptist-sponsored Auburn Youth Revival last month. Both Leon and Jim are studying at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Fort Worth, Tex.

Elmo S. Renoll is doing graduate work in agricultural engineering at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Mr. Renoll's wife is the former Margaret L. Waid, member of the class of '44.

G. Mark Wood, Jr., is associated with his father, George M. Wood, Sr., '19, in the George M. Wood and Company, Investment Securities, Montgomery, Ala.

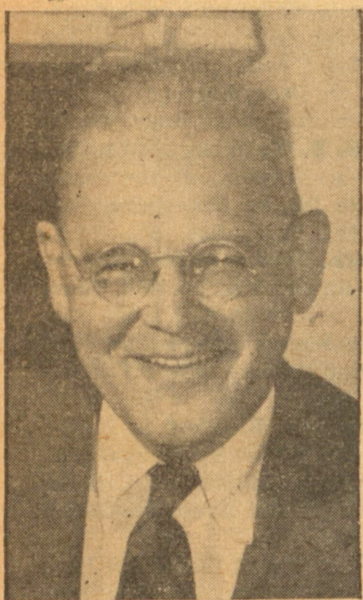
1948

Robert H. Howell, Jr., is working with the Texas Company, Port Arthur, Tex., as a chemical engineer.

William R. Davidson is now out in Orange, Tex., where he holds a position with the du Pont Company.

Ormond Howard has entered the employ of the South-Eastern Underwriters Association as a fire prevention engineer. At present, he is undergoing intensive training in the Association's Engineering District in Virginia, headquarters in Richmond.

AUBURN'S New Engineering Laboratory



School of Engineering Dean J. E. Hannum is justly proud of API's new engineering lab

By Edward Eitzen

ASK DEAN HANNUM what he thinks of it. He'll tell you when he stops grinning. Professor Charles Hixon, Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, has an engineer's natural reluctance toward overstatement, but will smilingly concede that things look pretty good to him. As a matter of fact, everyone is very well pleased. What are they so pleased about? Pardon me, Jack, it's the new engineering laboratory.

Yes, we engineering students have long realized that the lab situation here at Auburn is bad. We have all spoken of our dissatisfaction at one time or another, and have been only dimly aware of the proposed improvements.

The faculty and the administration have been far from blind to the situation. While we have been talking and waiting, they have been working quietly to do something about it.

Only \$986,000

Here it is, engineers! This is what we've been waiting for: A \$986,000 building (this figure includes only fixed equipment) that will occupy three times the floor space of Ramsay Hall. This will provide an adequate number of well-equipped laboratories for every engineering department.

The site that has been approved is that plot of ground

between Ramsay Hall and Ross Chemical Building.

The central axis of the building centers on Ramsay Hall. Obviously, the site could not have been better chosen for the convenience of the students and the faculty. This central location of the building will reduce student travel to the minimum.

It has been necessary to tear down part of the "L" Building and re-route the streets behind Ramsay. The street between Ramsay and the Textile Building is being extended and will circle behind the New Classroom Building. This will improve that area that has long been an eyesore.

Building Design

The design for the building has been exceptionally well worked out. It has been under study by the various members of the administration and the faculty since prewar days.

These men gave constant and concentrated attention to the preliminary designs for a two-year period before the architects began their work. Many ideas were involved and discarded before the final approval was given to the various features that were finally chosen for incorporation in the building.

The general style of architecture will be Georgian to match the other more modern buildings on the campus, such as Ross Chemical Building and Ramsay Hall.

The building will be one story in height with a two story center section. The one story general design cannot be considered as an objectionable feature. Since the building is to contain adequate floor space, such a design is preferred. This type is the only one that is architecturally suited for the site chosen.

Size of the Lab

The building will measure 258 feet from east to west and 208 feet from north to south. It will be connected to the back of Ramsay by a covered passageway. A wide corridor dividing it along its north-south axis will act as a traffic passage for students going from one side of the campus to the other.

Each half of the building is further divided by a solid wall extending through the center from east to west. The building actually consists of four separate, distinct quadrants, unconnected, but with separate entrances from the main corridor.



Construction has begun on API's new John Jenkins Wil-

more Engineering Laboratory. It should be far on the

way to completion by Homecoming week end this year

To provide ample lighting, each quadrant will contain an open court in its center. These courts will be sodded and will contain benches for use in good weather. The building will also be provided with large monitor type skylights which will extend its entire length from east to west.

Since Ramsay is essentially a classroom building, the new building will be composed entirely of laboratories, offices, storerooms, instrument rooms, and workshops, with the exception of that quadrant assigned to the Chemical Engineering Department. This section will contain needed classrooms. All main laboratories will have dimensions of 40'x80'. This is considerably larger than the present labs in Ramsay.

Sections

The Aeronautical section of the laboratory building will contain three of the large main laboratories. They will be devoted to airplane structures, airways traffic, control, and meteorology. There will be an aircraft instruments lab, two aeronautical research labs, an aeroworkshop, a darkroom, storerooms, and offices for members of that department.

The chemical engineering lab

in the quadrant assigned to that department will be one of the larger type laboratories. Other labs will be used for pyrometry, metallography, crushing and grinding, gas and fuel analysis, industrial chemistry, and chemical engineering research. There will also be classrooms, a chemical reports room, offices, and other rooms corresponding to those in the aeronautical section.

The civil engineering quadrant of the building will be shared by the civil and the electrical departments. The civil department will have hydraulics, sanitary engineering, computation and reading, civil engineering testing, and polariscopes labs. The electrical labs will consist of electrical measurements, industrial electronics, photometrics, and electrical research.

Finally, the mechanical department will have large labs for internal combustion engines, steam and gas engineering, and materials testing. Three research labs in addition to the other accommodations will also be found there.

The open court in this section will contain a cooling tower and cooling pond for use

with various types of equipment.

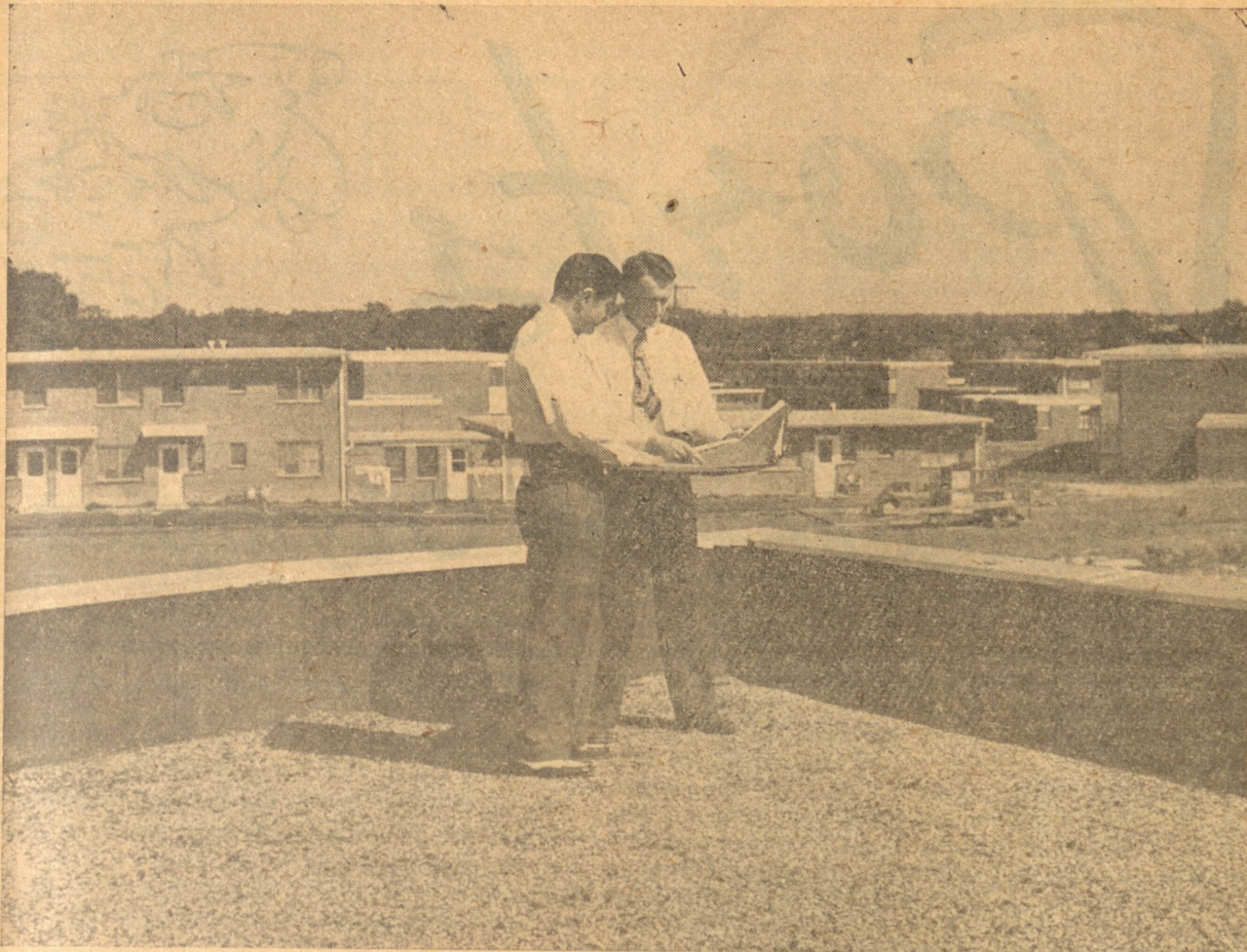
Present plans are to abandon the old engineering labs now located in Broun Hall, but laboratories in Ramsay and the electrical labs located behind the Textile Building will be kept.

Equipment of the Building

Much of the equipment to be used in the new building has already been purchased and is already on campus in storage. Though some of the labs to be used for graduate work may not be equipped at once, it is encouraging to note that the labs used for undergraduate study will be very well equipped.

As an example, I will take the steam and gas lab. It is already slated to receive the following equipment:

- 1 150 h.p. boiler
- 1 simple slide valve steam engine.
- 1 cross-compound steam engine. (two cylinders, equipped with condensers, etc.)
- 1 25 KW General Electric turbo-generator.
- 1 15 KW Sturdivant turbine (new).
- 1 cooling tower and cooling pond.
- 1 Westinghouse Package Power Plant. (new).



Henry Flinn, '41, and James Folmar, '39, look over the almost five million dollar city their nerve built

Two Alumni Show What It Takes To Build A Modern Village With Very Little Money Of Their Own

By Allen Rankin

"It's impossible for anyone to have enough confidence in a couple of gillipins they have never heard of to put up four and a half million dollars! That ain't hay!"

"Maybe, they're kidding us," suggested Folmar. If they were, the kidding has gone far. It has resulted in a completed city.

Twenty Years Experience In Two

Meanwhile, Folmar and Flinn have had plenty to do besides pinch themselves and each other to wake

The City That Nerve Built

TWO YEARS AGO young Henry Flinn was driving down Dexter Avenue in Montgomery, Ala., when he spotted an old college chum. He slammed on the brakes and backed up.

"Hi, Flomat!" he yelled, which was his way of saying hello to Jimmy Folmar.

"Hi, Flint!" young Folmar came back at him.

"What are you going to do for a living?" beamed Flinn.

"I'm going to build houses," said Folmar. "What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to build houses," said Flinn.

This turned out to be one of the most remarkable understandments ever heard on ancient Dexter. Today "Flomat and Flint," that is to say Folmar and Flinn, have ganged up and built themselves a city. It is called Cloverland. Finished it will cost four and one-half million dollars, contain 539 housing units and a complete business district, and accommodate some 3,000 people.

It is the biggest single housing project ever undertaken in Alabama and one of the biggest ever in the South.

That two boys without money or building reputation could have done such a thing is a wonder even in America.

With a streamlined city built and already under their professional belts, Flinn is just 29, Folmar 31.

Sometimes, says Flinn, he and Folmar think they're crazy. Sometimes everybody else does. It usually takes capitalists to lay down a four and one half million dollar barrage of apartments and houses.

Flinn is no capitalist. He drives an old Pontiac with a bashed in front and sits on as many second hand chairs as most other vets. Folmar is no capitalist and differs thus far from Flinn only in that he drives a new Pontiac and hasn't nudged a cow with it yet.

But sitting right there in the same apartments they have built for other veterans, they talk of millions, and they're not dreaming. They're dealing in millions.

The way the thing came about is fictional. "Flomat and Flint" keep pinching themselves to make sure it's true. It is.

"How Could We Miss?"

After they bumped into each other on Dexter, the two Auburn fraternity brothers decided to become partners—to build whatever they were going to build together.

Back at Auburn before the war, Folmar had been an excellent engineer, Flinn a gifted designer. Now, they figured, they should be even better, Flinn has

the practical experience of having helped his contractor father build some houses. He had a flair for handling men and materials. Folmar had the vision to see everything big. "If you're going to build one house," he said, "it's as easy to build a hundred." He was a genius at working things out on a big scale. Given a set of figures he could "turn them everyway but loose." Both were personality dynamos.

Together they didn't see how they could miss. Only one thing stood in their way, they had no moolah. Together they hadn't saved enough of the stuff to build each other a bungalow.

They heard, however, that the All-States Life Insurance Company was ready and willing to sink some of its money in Montgomery, its home office. They went to the company's loan division chief, Mr. Lamar Kelly. Yes, Mr. Kelly said, he might let them have some money. It depended on how much and for what.

Still Upstairs

The next step never could have been taken if the partners had once realized where they were—back on the ground. As it happened, both were just out of the Air Force. Both had just come back from piloting planes over hundreds of thousands of miles. Upstairs, things down below look small. It takes quite an outlay even to be seen from the air. Folmar and Flinn were still upstairs. They were still thinking in terms of big Air Force operations. They had never come down to earth . . . which was lucky.

When they went out looking for the ground to build something on they didn't look at a 50-foot lot for their first house. They looked at a 200-acre field for their first 535 houses!

They Pinched Each Other

"What can we lose?" they asked each other as they went back to talk to Mr. Kelly. "All he can do is say no."

So they asked the insurance company to put up not four and one half thousand but four and one half million dollars! The biggest shock came when the company said, "Why not?"

That was when the B. T. O.'s (Air Force for Big Time Operators) turned a little pale and shaky.

"But they can't do this to us!" protested Flinn.

up. First, they burned the midnight oil to study their chances. They decided the housing shortage would be even greater five years from then, than in 1946. Both felt the same way about Alabama:

"We've got so much here and have done so little with it so far that we can't go any direction but forward."

So they plunged. Since then, they have talked, plotted and drawn up plans half the night. Daytime they put them into solid wood, steel and stone. Meanwhile, they have managed to grab up scarce materials enough to proceed, and have coordinated with the city such un-minor details as installation of light and power lines, gas, telephones and sewage systems.

They also have found and hired their own personnel, and bought their own building equipment. At one swoop they bought \$40,000 worth of heavy construction equipment from war surplus.

Like their city the young contractors have come up fast, amassing about 20 years of experience in two years.

Is That All?

"We now owe only about \$1,750,000" Flinn told me nonchalantly. "In other words as soon as we sell off 95 more veterans' houses now under construction and 134 lots we have set aside for exclusive residential areas, and . . .

"Well, by mid-summer we should be even—out of the woods and begin to make a profit."

"By the way," he said, pointing to one of the veterans' houses going up. "That's the best deal ever offered a G.I. We're giving him an \$8,750 house and lot for about what it cost us. We're letting him have it for no down payment and \$62 a month, less than the cost of rent."

Folmar and Flinn think so much of the deal that they're moving into the first two veterans' houses themselves, just as they moved into the first two apartments they completed.

That's one of the best things about this four and one half million dollar city. Profits will come later, but meanwhile it's given its planners and builders something they wouldn't have otherwise—a place to live!

IF YOUR ADDRESS is changed, please notify the Auburn Alumni Association, API, Auburn, Alabama.

The above feature is taken from the column, "Rankin File," written by Allen Rankin and appearing in The Alabama Journal.

Sports

Whitey Overton Makes the Olympics



Here is Whitey Overton making time around the API track. Whitey now belongs to Auburn's Olympic Fraternity.

THE AUBURN OLYMPIC FRATERNITY, composed of Auburn track stars who have competed in the World Olympics, recently welcomed into their very select brotherhood a new member. The newest addition to this exclusive organization is young William O. "Whitey" Overton, Auburn's long-legged SEC two-mile champion from Montgomery, Ala. "Whitey" was awarded one of the coveted positions on the U. S. team by virtue of his splendid showing in the National A.A.U. meet and the National Inter-Collegiate meet. Competing in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, "Whitey" placed second in the A. A. U. meet, and a close third in the Inter-Collegiate meet.

Against the stiffer World Olympic competition held in Wembley Stadium, London, England, "Whitey" failed to qualify for the finals, but the very fact that he was selected as a member of the U. S. team is sufficient to acclaim him as one of the brightest stars in Auburn track history.

Two Other Members

There are only two other members of this Auburn Olympic Fraternity. Euil "Snitz" Snider competed in the 1928 Olympics, wearing the orange and blue of Auburn, and in 1932 Auburn was represented in the person of Percy Beard. "Snitz", now Athletic Director at Bessemer High School and head of the Park and Recreation Board, failed to score for the U. S. in his specialty, the 400 meter dash, but as a member of the relay team he helped the U. S. cause by bringing in some points.

Percy Beard, now Track Coach and Assistant Athletic Director at the University of Florida, was a high-hurdles man, and a good one. At one time he held the world's record for the 120 yard high-hurdles, and in the World Olympics held in Los Angeles in 1932, this Auburn man came in second against the world's best.

Behind the Scene

Too much credit can't be given to the man who directed these great track men to stardom, Wilbur Hutsell, Athletic Director and Head Track Coach here at Auburn. In his 27 years on the Plains, Coach Hutsell has lifted Auburn from a position of track

mediocrity to a place of eminence among Southern track teams.

And we must not overlook Coach Hutsell's able assistant, Coach Jeff Beard. Coach Beard brother of the great Percy Beard, has been of particular help in training Auburn's newest track immortal—William O. "Whitey" Overton.

Sports In Brief

THE WEATHER isn't the only thing that is hot this summer on the Auburn campus. Out on Bullard Field every weekday afternoon there is plenty of heat being generated by the 24 softball teams battling it out for the campus championship. As the teams come down the home stretch, with their eyes on a berth in the playoffs to be held at the end of the quarter, only four teams have cinched positions in the all-important tournament.

These four teams—Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Tau, Theta Chi, and Playboys—reached the finals by virtue of their winning their respective league championships in the first half of the softball schedule. The winners of the second half will battle it out with these four teams for the championship.

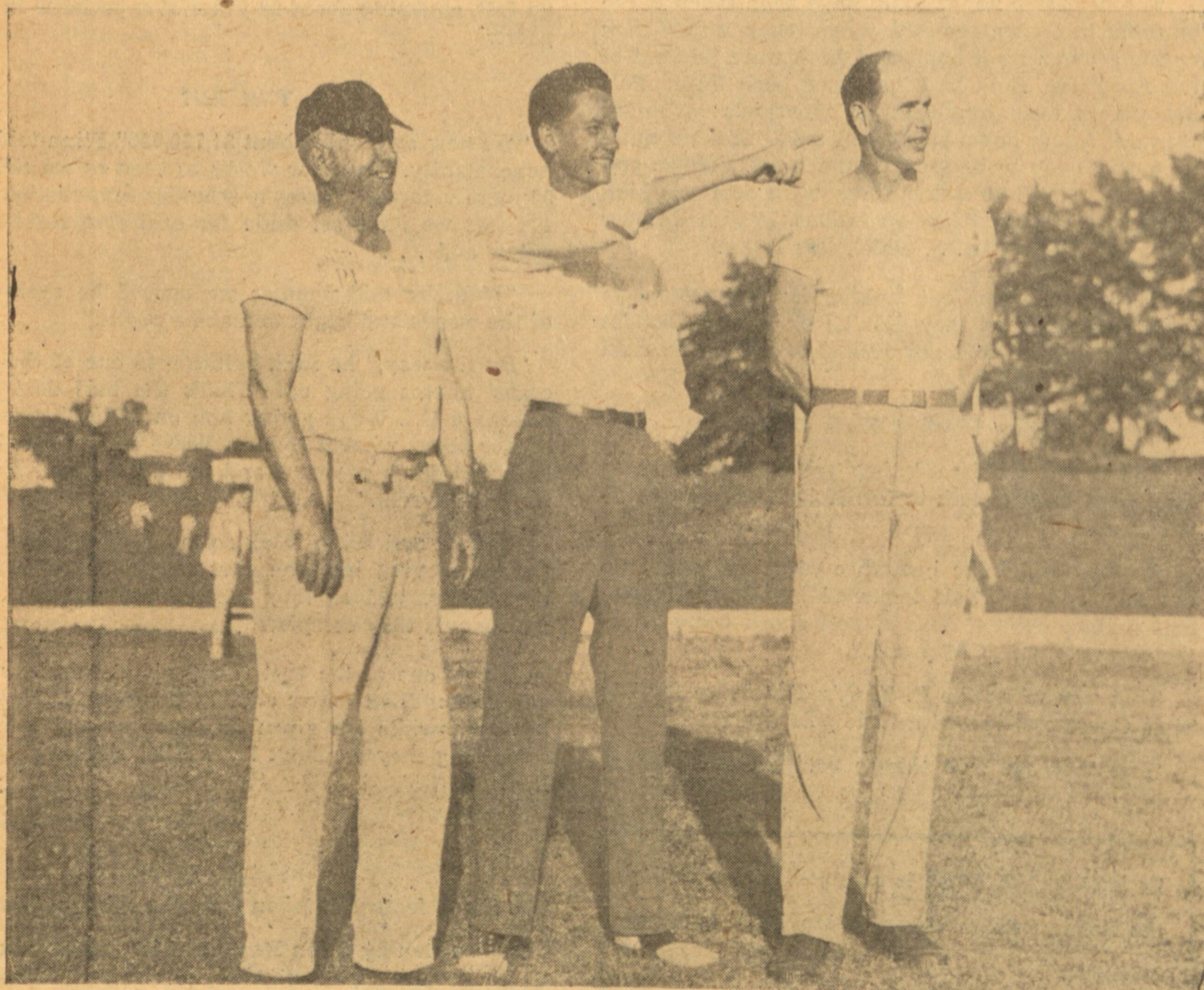
Good Pitching

The first half of the summer schedule was highlighted by the fine pitching performances turned in. "Bo" Renfro, pitching for the Alpha Gamma Rho's, tossed the only no-hitter of the season, stopping the Theta Chi's, 7-1. Zac Jenkins hurled a neat two hitter for the Phi Kappa Tau's in early season play, shutting out the Zippers, 2-0. Frank Ray, KA hurler, not to be outdone, threw a two-hitter on the same afternoon, stopping the SAE's 6-0. The Baptist Student Union's ace hurler, Jamie Jones, carved himself out a one-hitter in beating the Delta Sigma Phi nine, 8-1.

Rains Hinder Playing

The second half of the schedule has gotten under way, but has made little progress, thanks to the torrential rains which have made Bullard Field more suited for water polo than softball. In the few games that have been played it has again been the pitchers who have gotten the headlines. Lefty Jim Woodson, ATO, has chalked up two fine wins, a 4-0 shutout over Sigma Pi, and a two-hit 2-1 win over the Faculty. Jenkins, PKT, has lost none of his stuff of the first half, and he demonstrated this by striking out 11 Rinky Dinks in a recent game. Frank Ray outdid his earlier effort by throwing a one-hitter in the faces of the Sigma Nu's, the KA's winning 2-0.

While it is the pitchers who get the headlines, we must not overlook the eight other men who make up a team. It is these men who make a pitcher look good, and without their support even the best pitcher can look terrible. All in all, it appears that we have more well-balanced teams playing this summer than have seen action on the Plains in quite awhile. The playoffs should be nothing short of terrific.



Track Coach Wilbur Hutsell, Track Team Manager Blakely Robertson, and Assistant Track Coach Jeff Beard watch their proteges kicking up dust. Coach Hutsell has sent three Auburnites to the Olympics

FOR AN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE report on Auburn's sports and football games, read Bob Ingram's monthly column this fall.